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***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

1. (original) A shared multi-user email system on a single computer, comprising:
  - a shared computer;
  - a multi-user email system configured to run on said shared computer configured to enable a plurality of users, one at a time, to access said multi-user email system running on said shared computer;
  - a multi-user graphical user interface (GUI) configured to display concurrently current status of multiple email accounts of said plurality of users,
    - wherein said multi-user GUI permits one user of said plurality of users at a time to access an email user account environment of said one user of said plurality of users on said multi-user email system,
    - wherein said one user, if authenticated, can access only said email user account environment belonging to said one user,
    - wherein each of said email user account environments includes an inbox, an outbox, and at least one personal file folder; and
  - a network interface coupled to said shared computer through which emails can be routed to destination addresses not included in said multi-user email system.
2. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said multi-user GUI includes an indication of the priority of email received in said multi-user email system enabling prioritization of access to said shared computer by said users.
3. (original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said indication of priority includes at least one of the following indications of priority:
  - an audio;
  - a visual;

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a color;  
an iconic;  
a communication to a communication device;  
a page to a pager;  
a numeric;  
an alphabetic;  
a letter;  
a character;  
an alert; and  
a wireless alert.

4. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the system is used in at least one of a production, operations, healthcare, retail, hospital, and nursing environments.

5. (original) A real time multi-user graphical user interface (GUI) comprising:  
a status module enabling a computer to indicate current status of multiple email accounts of a plurality of users, concurrently, on a shared multi-user computer.

6. (original) The GUI according to claim 5, wherein said status module comprises:  
a priority indicator enabling the computer to indicate priority of access to the shared multi-user computer.

7. (original) The GUI according to claim 6, wherein said priority indicator comprises at least one of:

a visual indicator;  
an audio indicator;  
a color indicator;  
a numeric indicator;

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- a alphabetic indicator;
- an alphanumeric indicator;
- an iconic indicator;
- a communication;
- a communication device;
- an alert;
- a wireless alert; and
- a page.

8. (original) The GUI according to claim 5, wherein said status module comprises:  
a new mail indicator enabling the computer to indicate that a new mail has arrived for one of said plurality of users of said shared multi-user computer.

9. (currently amended) An electronic message system comprising:  
a user selectable save message instruction operative, upon a selection by the user of a single user interface element, to automatically store in one of one or more user selected user-assignable personal file folders, a user selected previously received message, wherein said user selected user-assignable personal file folder is associated with a sender of said previously received message, tagged by one of an email address or a username of the sender of said message.

10. (cancel)

11. (previously presented) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system is operative to automatically create a new one of said user assignable personal file folders, automatically tagged to at least one of the email address of, or the username of the sender of said previously received message when no user assignable personal file folder exists for the sender of said message.

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12. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein the electronic message system is operative to automatically store in a user-assignable personal file folder associated with the sender of ~~any~~ read receipt report, said report received from the sender of said read receipt report in response to a previously sent message.
13. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein said read receipt report is a dynamic, active read receipt report comprising:  
a continually updated single file indicating read receipt status indicating which of a plurality of recipients of a previously sent message have and/or have not accessed said previously sent message, and wherein said read receipt report tracks a date and time of access by one of a plurality of recipients of said previously sent message.
14. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~109~~, wherein said user interface element comprises at least one of an icon, a menu selection, and/or a button.
15. (previously presented) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system is operative to automatically create a new user-assignable personal file folder.
16. (previously presented) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system automatically stores a copy of an outgoing message, upon being sent to a previously selected one of said user-assignable personal file folders, previously assigned and associated with a recipient of said outgoing message.
17. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system is operative to ~~rapidly~~ store a plurality of user-selected previously received messages in one of said user-assignable personal file folders associated with said sender of said previously received messages upon selection by the user of the single user interface element, ~~obviating a need to drag and drop said previously received messages on said folder.~~

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18. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a computing platform, cause said computing platform to perform operations comprising a method comprising:

receiving, via a selection by the user of a single user interface element, an user-selected instruction to store a previously received message in a user selected one of one or more user assignable personal file folders associated with a sender of said previously received message, tagged by one of an email address or username of the sender of said message, wherein said instruction comprises at least one of a command and/or a user interface element; and

storing said message in said folder, ~~said message without the user having to know a location in a file folder hierarchy of said user assignable personal file folder.~~

19. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:

creating at least one new folder when a folder does not exist for the sender of said message.

20. (previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:

storing an outgoing message in said mail folder if at least one of a username or an e-mail address of a recipient of said outgoing e-mail message matches a name of said folder.